

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please AMEND paragraph 0019 as follows:

[0019] The above objects and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent by describing in detail preferred embodiments thereof with reference to the attached drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a cartridge for a DVD-RAM (Digital Versatile Disc Random Access Memory), having a write-inhibit hole;

FIG. 2 shows the structure of a general DVD-RAM;

FIGS. 3A and 3B show the data structure of a defect management area (DMA) of a general DVD-RAM;

FIGS. 4A and 4B show examples of the data structure of the DMA of a DVD-RAM, for storing write protection information, according to an aspect of the present invention;

FIGS. 5A and 5B show further examples of the data structure of the DMA of a DVD-RAM, for storing write protection information, according to an aspect of the present invention;

FIGS. 6A and 6B are flowcharts illustrating a write protection method according to a first embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 7 is a flowchart illustrating a method of updating write protection information according to the present invention;

FIG. 8 shows the structure of a disc identification zone for storing the write protection information according to the present invention;

FIG. 9 shows the data structure of the write protection information stored in the disc identification zone of FIG. 8;

FIG. 10 shows the structure of a disc satisfying general DVD-R and DVD-RW specifications;

FIG. 11 shows the structure of a Lead-in area shown in FIG. 10;

FIG. 12 shows the structure of a control data zone shown in FIG. 11;

FIG. 13 shows the contents of an RMD (Recording Management data) field of an RMA (Recording Management Area) according to the DVD-R and DVD-RW specifications;

FIG. 14 shows the contents of the conventional RMD field 0 shown in FIG. 13;

FIG. 15 shows the contents of the RMD field 0 for storing the write protection information according to the present invention; and

FIG. 16 is a flowchart illustrating a write protection method according to a second embodiment of the present invention; and

FIG. 17 shows the contents of the RMD field 0 for storing the write protection information in

BP2 according to the present invention.

Please AMEND paragraph 0072 as follows:

[0072] For example, even though write protection information is stored in the byte position BP3 of RMD field 0, the write protection information on a bare disc can be written using the Lead-in area and the Lead-out area shown in FIG. 10 in addition to the RMD area. Also, the byte position BP2 of RMD field 0 stores the disc status information, so that write protection information can be stored in the byte position BP2 of RMD field 0 as shown in FIG. 17.